



2026 Windjammer Festival Crate Race Rules and Regulations

Following are the Rules and Regulations participants must follow to take part in the 2026 Camden Windjammer Festival Crate Race. If the participant is a minor, a parent or legal guardian is responsible for making sure their child(ren) follow the rules.

The number of participants is limited to **the first 40 contestants** that sign up. All completed applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis, in person, at the registration table from 12 to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sep. 5. The order of the race is determined by the order applications are turned in. The Crate Race begins at 2 p.m.

Participants shall gather at the Info Booth at 1:45 p.m. for the Rules Meeting. Participants are asked to follow the direction of Festival staff to ensure safety on the docks while waiting to race.

Parents/legal guardians are allowed to be on the docks only when their child is the next in line to race, if desired. Festival helpers will be on the docks, along with rescue swimmers and kayakers in the water, to assist racers. If the docks become crowded, parents will be asked to exit.

Each contestant will be given **two minutes to cross as many crates** as he/she can. The total number crossed within the two minutes will determine the winner. A contestant failing to continue due to falling in the water shall have the number of successfully crossed crates count as their score. Race officials determine final results, all judge's decisions are final.

The event occurs in the water and the crates will shift in the water. Participants can request that a crate or crates be repositioned during the race only if it is deemed to be unsafe for them to travel by race officials. Should a crate need to be fixed or repositioned, the race will be stopped until the fix is completed. To be sure that the event is fair and safe for all participants, all judge's decisions are final.

- All participants must present a completed Release Form on the day of the race to sign up and participate in the race. A parent or guardian must sign the release form for minors (under 18).
- All participants are required to wear on their feet water shoes or sneakers that are securely fastened to cross the wet, wood crates. Bare feet, flip-flops and socks-only are not allowed for safety reasons.
- It is highly recommended that participants wear an approved PFD. Participants who cannot swim must wear an approved PFD. Safety swimmers will be in the water along the race route. Life jackets will be available on site for those who do not have their own.
- Swimming clothes are recommended but are not required – but be prepared to get wet.

Thank you to Crate Race sponsor



for providing racers with towels!